



# *Wellesley*

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### **Wetlands Protection Committee Minutes 8/30/2016**

Town of Wellesley  
Wetlands Protection Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2016

**Approved 10/13/2016**

Meeting Location: NRC Office, Lower Level, Town Hall  
525 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA 02482

Present: Members Carl Sciple (acting Chair), J.S. Waugh, Peter Jones and  
Linda Hansen (Wetlands Administrator)

Guests: Dan Gordon and Brian Nelson

#### **Administrative Business**

- COC Request (partial): 60 Cartwright Road, Mass DEP# 324-0760. The WPC was concerned about the encroachment in the 25 foot no disturb zone. Rather than restrict access to this area, P. Jones suggested that the homeowners prepare a vegetation management plan that addresses the invasive plants and enhances the habitat in this area. The administrator will work with the homeowner. On a motion by S. Waugh, seconded by P. Jones, the WPC voted (3-0) to issue a partial COC.
- COC Request (complete): 35 Wingate Road, Mass DEP# 324-0705. The unpermitted modifications will be permitted under Mass DEP #324-0828. On a motion by S. Waugh, seconded by P. Jones, the WPC voted (3-0) to issue a complete COC.
- COC Request (complete): 14 Lanark Road, Mass DEP# 324-0665. On a motion by S. Waugh, seconded by P. Jones, the WPC voted (3-0) to issue a complete COC.
- 45 Ravine Road (Mass DEP # 324-0829): selection of wetland scientist. Mark Cooperman and Rich Kirby are both wetland scientists interested in doing the wetland monitoring. Dan Gordon would like the work to start immediately; therefore the selection of the wetland scientist will be based on their availability because the project can't start until the baseline wetland evaluation is complete. The administrator will contact both wetland scientists following the meeting.
- Minor modification: Wellesley High School, Mass DEP# 324-0614. The WPC reviewed the plans and agreed with the recommendation of the administrator that the sheds should be moved outside the 100-foot inner riparian zone. One or two pine trees will be removed, however, shrubs will be installed around the perimeter of the sheds. The WPC will defer the planting plan to Cricket Vlass.

- DPW Brook Cleaning: administrative approval to clean out culvert between Morses Pond and Ice House Cove. The administrator provided approval under the Brook Cleaning OOC for this work.
- Carl Sciple announced that he will be moving to Harvard by the end of the year and will resign from the Committee after the December meeting.

### **Public Hearings – New and Continued\***

#### **28 Fuller Brook Road—new RDA**

- Removal of five trees in the inner riparian zone. The white oak needs to remain. The Report stated that bittersweet vine was choking the tree, however, the WPC did not see any bittersweet vine. The WPC preferred that Oak E be pruned rather than cut. Many of the trees need to be pruned and Norway maple saplings can be removed. Yard waste needs to be removed from the wetland buffer. The WPC did not recommend the planting of arborvitae because of the current dense overstory. The WPC requested a certified arborist report. On a motion by P. Jones, seconded by S. Waugh, the WPC voted (3-0) to approve a negative determination based on the above discussion.

#### **23 Glen Road—new RDA**

- Replace existing garage with a new one on current slab. The work is in the outer buffer zone and will not involve any excavation work. On a motion by P. Jones, seconded by S. Waugh, the WPC voted (3-0) to issue a negative determination.

#### **35 Wingate Road— continued NOI, Mass DEP # 324-0828**

- Installation of a retaining wall and patio; removal of two trees. The patio will be pitched, including the existing patio to capture runoff to a trench drain. Additional shrubs will be planted along the driveway to mitigate for the larger driveway. Additional vegetation will be installed along the 25 foot no disturb area. With the thinning of the Norway maple saplings, the homeowner is willing to plant three additional trees. Two stone markers will be installed on either side of the 25' no disturb zone. The stumps of the saplings need to remain, but the fresh cut can be dressed. The retaining wall along the deck and patio will be flush with the ground, and should not retain stormwater. The slope in the rear yard will decrease with the addition of fill. The wall will be a Unilock, modular block wall, less than 1.5 feet in height. On a motion by P. Jones, seconded by S. Waugh, the WPC voted (3-0) to issue an OOC. The administrator will distribute a draft Exhibit A.

#### **10 Old Farm Road— continued NOI, Mass DEP #324-0814**

- Stormwater Management report peer review in process. The peer reviewer will have a report ready for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

#### **116 Manor Ave— continued NOI, Mass DEP # 324-0827**

- Review wetland delineation report. The administrator conducted a site visit with their wetland delineator. Given the drought conditions, a wetland delineation is not advisable, although the top of bank could be used to measure the 25 foot no disturb zone. The administrator recommended a 15-foot vegetated strip along the stream and additional plantings along the rear fence line. The landscape architect will prepare a restoration plan for the rear yard.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by S. Waugh, seconded by P. Jones, the WPC voted (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:07.